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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Numerous municipalities across Illinois are  
3 struggling to provide the required basic services, including  
4 public safety and public works, because of mounting debt and  
5 structurally insufficient tax bases; and

6 WHEREAS, The financial situations in small and  
7 medium-sized municipalities garner little, if any, public  
8 attention, leaving the public and the Illinois General Assembly  
9 in the dark and lacking independent information about such  
10 challenges; and

11 WHEREAS, The public has a right to understand the depth and  
12 scope of financial problems facing municipalities in order to  
13 contemplate solutions; and

14 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly needs to understand  
15 the depth and scope of financial problems facing municipalities  
16 in order to effectively govern the State and ensure adequate  
17 basic services to all residents; and

18 WHEREAS, Municipalities are required to submit annual  
19 financial information to the Illinois Comptroller under the  
20 Governmental Account Audit Act, including an accounting of  
21 revenue, expenditures, and debt; and

1           WHEREAS, The Illinois Comptroller is required to make such  
2 information public and to produce an annual report under the  
3 Fiscal Responsibility Law; and

4           WHEREAS, The Illinois Comptroller is statutorily required  
5 to appoint an advisory board of local government officials and  
6 certified public accountants, known as the Local Government  
7 Advisory Board; and

8           WHEREAS, An annual report delineating municipalities that  
9 are in financial distress would help the public and Illinois  
10 General Assembly understand and address such challenges that  
11 may threaten the public welfare; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Comptroller  
14 to collaborate with the Local Government Advisory Board to  
15 develop metrics that will help identify municipalities with a  
16 population of less than 100,000 that are in financial distress;  
17 and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That we urge the Comptroller to produce an annual  
19 report to the public delineating municipalities in financial  
20 distress and the metrics used to determine such a designation;  
21 and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 delivered to the Comptroller.